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none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4; prevailing diseases, malarial in character.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country

during the week, good.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: June 28, steamship Anselm; crew, 41; passengers, 27; passengers in transit, 8; baggage disinfected, 38 pieces.

Respectfully,

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon-General, U.S. Marine-Hospital Service.

## CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec during the week ended July 6, 1901.

QUEBEC, CANADA, July 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended July 6, there were inspected 807 immigrants; passed, 797; cause of detention, general eczema, 1; hernia, 3; insanity, 1; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 2; trachoma, 1.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

## CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong.—Plague prevailing—Reported at Swatow, Canton, Tung Kun, and Sheck Lung.

Hongkong, China, June 4, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended June 1, 1901.

Seven steamers were inspected during the week; 722 individuals were bathed and 966 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam. There were 10 rejections during the week, 9 because of fever, and 1 because he did not conform with the regulations regarding the disinfection of baggage.

Two hundred and fifteen cases of plague and 207 deaths were reported during the week, making a total of 956 cases and 875 deaths thus far this year. Of this number, 13 were Europeans with 5 deaths and 23 were non-Chinese with 16 deaths. During the epidemic of 1894, the number of deaths reported up to June 1 was 744, and the number of cases reported June 1 of that year was 81 with 72 deaths.

It will be seen that the past week has been the most severe of the present epidemic. The area of infection is widespread which increases the danger of transmission. All steamers from this port can but be regarded with suspicion even after all possible precautions have been observed prior to their departure.

One case of smallpox resulting in death and 2 cases of enteric fever

were also reported during the week.

Unofficial information states that plague is present at Swatow, and that the epidemic at Canton is severe.

Respectfully,

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